

Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 25, 2016
City Council Chambers, One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA, and
Doubletree Broadway, 1111 E Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201 (Councilmember
Lieberman)

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Hurt, Stone, Lieberman (via Skype), Kim, Reed

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Dan Child, Silicon Valley Clean Water

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Red Ribbon Week Poster Winners

Chief DeSmidt noted that the Red Ribbon program has been in existence for almost 30 years.

School Resource Officer Vogel provided a brief history of the program that encourages young people to say no to drugs. He explained the poster contest, and noted that over 200 posters were submitted for this year's theme "YOLO", "You Only Live Once". He introduced the top five winners.

Silicon Valley Clean Water Update on the Conveyance System Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Long Range Financial Plan

Dan Child, Silicon Valley Clean Water, reviewed the multi-phase Capital Improvement project for the agency. He noted that the next project is on hold due to a negative vote by one of the member agencies. He described the conveyance system loan program, as well as the third-party risk review. He described the current construction environment and its potential impact on upcoming projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent vote that has halted future projects, and the potential additional costs that will result. Council expressed concerns regarding the potential additional costs that will result from the delay in moving forward, and the governance structure that allows veto power by one entity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, commented regarding the recent Planning Commission meeting relative to maximum home size.

Mary Ridge, Belmont resident, spoke regarding a visit from representatives of the Social Services Department. She also spoke regarding a sewer backup in her home.

Sarah Qureshi, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, announced a Turkey Trot fundraiser to be held on Thanksgiving Day.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Stone thanked the Public Works Department for accompanying him to a recent Sunday Farmer's Market. He pointed out the upcoming Election Day. He commented regarding a high-speed pursuit by Belmont Police that ended positively.

Councilmember Lieberman commented regarding the recent open house held for the proposed downtown plan.

Mayor Reed provided an election update, including early voting locations available. He made note of the change of the date of the next City Council meeting due to Election Day. He announced that the Elections Office customarily holds an open house on Election Day for those interested in viewing the procedures for processing ballots. He noted that the Belmont Historical Society will hold a 90th birthday party for the City of Belmont.

COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

In response to Councilmember Hurt's inquiry regarding the amendment to the agreement with the landscape architect for Davey Glen Park, Parks and Recreation Director Gervais clarified that the funding proposed for the interpretive sign was to cover just the design. He noted that the idea of having an interpretive sign had been previously discussed, but no details had yet been developed. He confirmed that no other bids were sought, and the estimate for construction of the sign itself is approximately \$3,000-\$5,000.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, questioned the need for an interpretive sign. He noted that there were no other signs in other parks in Belmont.

Councilmember Lieberman expressed support for recognition of individuals and firms that made significant contributions to this park.

Mayor Reed recommended that the sign be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Regular City Council meeting of September 27, 2016, Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of October 13, 2016, and Minutes of Regular Belmont Fire Protection District of October 13, 2016

Adopt a motion adjourning the November 8, 2016 City Council/Belmont Fire Protection District Meeting to November 9, 2016 due to Election Day

Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports

Resolution 2016-104 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment Number 5 to the existing Agreement for construction support for the Davey Glen Park project with Brent Cottong & Associates Landscape Architecture in an amount not to exceed \$35,300 (amended resolution).

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, the Consent

Agenda was unanimously approved, as amended to remove the scope of services and dollar amount allocated for the design of an interpretive sign for the amendment to Brent Cottong's agreement for Davey Glen Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on Status of 2035 General Plan, Belmont Village Specific Plan, and Climate Action Plan

Sophie Martin, Dyett & Bhatia Consultants, provided an overview of the General Plan and Belmont Village Specific Plan updates. She noted that the Housing Element component of the General Plan is on a different schedule to comply with State law. She explained that the purpose of the Climate Action Plan is to define strategies to address the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and it is anticipated that the public review of draft plan is anticipated to be released within 30-45 days.

Ms. Martin explained that a single Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to address all three plans. She described details that will be addressed in the environmental document, and noted it is a more broad evaluation as opposed one done for a specific project, since it includes a program-level review as opposed to a project-level review. She outlined the EIR process and schedule.

Councilmember Kim pointed out that it is unusual to prepare all plans comprehensively together. He suggested that for the Climate Action Plan, the City should consider incorporating the issue of sea level rise. He pointed out that due to the Governor's recent executive order, 2030 is not the end game, and that cities should set the stage for more aggressive GHG (green house gas) reductions beyond 2030. . He commented regarding the pace of public input opportunities for these plans.

Update on the Parks & Recreation Department's Construction Projects: the Alexander Park Restroom Project and the Davey Glen Park Project (Verbal)

Parks and Recreation Director Gervais provided an update on the Alexander Park restroom project, including timeline and costs. He noted that the new restroom will be relocated within the park.

Parks and Recreation Director Gervais also provided an update on the Davey Glen park project.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmember Hurt noted that she met with representatives from Notre Dame de Namur University.

Councilmember Lieberman described a recent meeting with City of San Mateo representatives, exploring regional solutions for a skating facility.

Councilmember Stone pointed out that this is the one-year anniversary for Family Eye Center. He commented regarding recent second grade City Hall tours and mock City Council meetings with the students. He noted that due to scheduling issues, Councilmember Hurt would be filling in for him as the representative to the South Bay Waste Management Authority for the remainder of the year.

Verbal report from City Manager

City Manager Scoles noted that the Planning Commission met recently regarding maximum home size, and that this matter would be coming before the City Council on November 9. He described an upcoming meeting at Ralston Middle School to discuss the Tahoe Drive intersection. He announced that the City of Belmont received a San Mateo County one-time grant for youth and teen services in the amount of \$190,000.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:00 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk